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Patrons of the police patrol wagon must be patient until the department can get a new team.

It was what might be called thoughtful of the missing witnesses to forget to leave their addresses.

The report that Fort Arthur has fallen has not yet been confirmed, however, by a denial from St. Petersburg.

Patti has had several colds lately, which have rendered her unable to sing at places where the receipts were light.

So long at least as Republicans continue in charge of the waterworks no true Democrat will feel like drinking water.

If the trip East could be deferred until after the World's Fair opens, almost any one could be induced to accept a subpoena.

Japan has issued a statement revealing that it knew at the start that it would be useless to try to please Russia during the war.

Taking President Smith at his word that he is a revelator, Attorney Taylor is seeking to obtain from him some interesting revelations.

Two apostles for whom subpoenas were issued have disappeared, and their friends therefore feel no uneasiness on their account.

Any one who indorses the position of the Council last year and supports the Mayor now can prove that he is consistent—consistent in supporting the Democratic side.

It seems amazing that any one would bring out for the inspection of a man claiming to be the assessor, all their valuables, as has been done in a number of cases in this city, at the demand of a thief, who seized the occasion to get away with money and valuables. It is a lesson that it does not seem any intelligent person would need to be taught.

The average precipitation during the month of February here, for thirty years, was 1.42 inches. For February, 1904, it was 2.25 inches. The excess was .83 inch; the accumulated excess since January 1st is .35 inch. The greatest precipitation shown in any February in thirty years was 3.81 inches, in 1887; the least, in 1882, but .42 inch. This season shows almost an inch more of water than last, the totals being 5.48 inches for 1902-3, and 6.42 inches for 1903-4.

The sale of the Nelden-Judson Drug company's stock and business is an important one for this city. It has been a long-established house, and is one of the most prominent in Salt Lake. Mr. Nelden has worked hard in building up the very large and lucrative trade which the house has enjoyed, and in this he has been ably seconded by Mr. Judson. The purchasers, we trust, will reap good returns on their investment, for it is a great and growing business.

Ninety thousand tons of ore reduced in the smelters of this valley during the month of February is a record of which the managers may well be proud. It is a great tonnage, but it is certain that it will be materially exceeded during the present month, as all the old capacity is at work, with the substantial increase of the Yampa's hundred and fifty tons daily. The mines easily respond to the demands of this great reduction, and could respond to even more exacting requirements, without especial trouble. Certainly the mining situation is one in which every resident of Utah may well feel a pride.

The accounts from German South Africa continue to show that the natives there in their uprising have been goaded to it by intolerable wrongs. The story of Count von Puckler, Governor District Commissioner for West Kamerun, is in point. This irascible old tyrant, on being informed that a lantern had been stolen, presumably by a native, set out to burn five villages in reprisal, and to capture and discipline the head men. He was himself killed in the attempt. And an expedition is to be sent to punish the natives! For what? Surely they had a right to resist such severity and senseless rage as that. In fact, Count von Puckler's superior officer warned him that he should not attempt such punish-

ment for the trifle of a lost lantern. But the warning came too late; and anyway, von Puckler's idea was that it was well to impress upon the natives the inviolability of the white man's property, and to enforce rigorous discipline. And the act widened the sphere of revolt among the natives, and will cost the Germans dear.

THE HOLD-UP OF THE PAYROLLS.

The hold-up of the payrolls of the city employees is no doubt part of Mayor Morris's aggressive fight to capture the municipal offices. It is a mean species of strategy, and deserves the severest public reprobation.

There is no doubt whatever of the fact that the pay is due the persons who rendered the service, and that the amount due is as stated in the payrolls.

There is no doubt that the city is morally and legally bound to pay these men for their work and services.

The hold-up is just a hold-up, and it is both arbitrary and unjust in every way it can be looked at.

The way to meet such tactics is to have a mandamus sued out without delay to compel the payment.

We notice that the Council is standing with commendable firmness against this assault upon workmen, and has called the Auditor emphatically to time for his disregard of the rights of those who labor for their money. Its resolution of last night has the true ring, and it will certainly be approved by the public. Let those who have earned their money be paid!

REPORT ON IDAHO'S MINES.

Hon. Robert Bell, Inspector of Mines for the State of Idaho, has issued his report for the year 1903, and The Tribune has been favored with a copy of it. The report is in excellent form, and is well and appropriately illustrated. The information contained in it is most valuable.

In an introductory statement, Mr. Bell gives a summary of the geographical situation of the State, its population, natural resources, and its mining history and products. He has a good word to say for the Thunder Mountain country and for other regions of the State, and he is frank enough to say that not all of the mining propositions are meritorious, though very many are so.

A paragraph on the fake mining literature and bogus schemes is refreshing in its candor, viz.: "As a result of the Thunder Mountain boom of 1901-2, Idaho has been made the base of some of the rankest mining stock promotions that ever a mining country was afflicted with. The East has been flooded with cheap shares and the trashiest kind of prospectus literature which robs one but the small investors whose cupidity gets the better of their judgment, but it does bring ridicule and odium on the industry of the State in general and hurts legitimate mining and ought to be condemned."

Brave and true words, these, and while Idaho's honest and straightforward official makes the specific application of them which we have quoted, they apply in no small degree elsewhere, and to very many speculative mining propositions. Would we could have done with them, whenever and wherever they are attempted of exploitation.

"Idaho contains many meritorious new mining enterprises," Inspector Bell continues; "and not a few of them are 'in the Thunder Mountain country, and are being intelligently developed on legitimate lines with a bright prospect of success, and are worthy of all encouragement. But many of the ludicrous exaggerations and misstatements that have been fathered on this much-advertised district are unwarranted."

A review is given at length of Idaho's geology and mining resources, by counties, which is of the highest interest, and the candor of Mr. Bell prepares us to accept his statements in all good faith. This review treats of every county generally in its mines and mineral resources and also of the several mining districts and the prominent mines therein. It is altogether a most commendable report, which will certainly do much good to the State.

The Arizona Daily Star, of Tucson, urges the nomination by the National Republican party of the Hon. John W. Springer of Denver, for Vice-President. Mr. Springer is prominent through his presidency of the National Live-Stock association, and is a champion of the Western interests in stock-raising, irrigation, and the beet-sugar industry. The Star dwells enthusiastically on his high qualifications and eminent fitness, and urges that the Mountain States unite in his support. They might easily do worse, for Mr. Springer is a first-class man. He is favorably remembered in this city for the ability he manifested in presiding over the National Live-Stock convention in the Assembly Hall, at its session here during the month of January, 1901.

An Eastern newspaper, speaking of the Baltimore fire, says it is a reproach to this country that all the great fires of modern times have been in the United States. This, while not quite accurate, is true enough to found some remarks upon. It is noteworthy that the great fires in this country have originated not in parts of any town where modern construction has prevailed. Chicago was burned because the fire secured tremendous headway in the inflammable district, among the wooden houses. Boston's big fire was among the old rookeries that answered their purpose while they lasted, but which have been replaced by new buildings that cannot burn. In Seattle it was a burning of wooden structures.

In Baltimore it was the old business region that burned. In all, the process of fire-fighting was seriously retarded by the overhead wires. And nothing on either continent gives so much advantage to a fire as a network of overhanging wires, which prevent the fire department from doing its work.

A PITY FOR THE BOYS.

It is a sorrowful sight to see so many young boys being arrested by the police, as have been in this city of late, on various charges of criminality. The most of them are charged with larceny of various grades, from petty theft of trifles to robbing a postal station.

It is a great pity for these boys. They have certainly been badly neglected, so far as home training is concerned. They have been allowed to run the streets and to keep untimely hours. In this way they have escaped the home restraint, and become first toughs, then criminals.

From being hoodlums, noisy nuisances, they proceed along the downward course by easy grades, with no hand to check them, and become known to the officers as suspicious characters, capable of lesser crimes; they lose all sense of shame and self-respect; honor means nothing to them, and presently they are graduates in the school of crime.

Their course thenceforward is constantly downward. Their parents are shamed by them, and reap the bitter reward of their laxity and carelessness in bringing the boys up, and in not compelling them to go to school, and learn some useful work.

It is probable that several of these boys will be sent to the Reform School. Some even may be sent to the Penitentiary. The chances for their reform in that case would be very slim. The disgraceful outlook should be shut off if there is any way possible to do it. It is a case where lovers of mankind might well take an effective interest. What can be done to save these boys from a life of crime?

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL NEEDED.

Some time ago we called attention to the need of an emergency hospital or station in the central part of the city, or in connection with police headquarters; the case was where a lady had fallen on the sidewalk, and there was harassing delay in getting any skilled attention to her.

It has frequently been the case that attention has been needed where accidents happen, or when persons are otherwise hurt. But what provision is made for such cases? None whatever, and it is a reproach to the city that it is so.

Another case is now brought prominently before the public in this same connection. A man with a broken arm lies for two hours at the public station without any skilled aid, and all the time suffering intense pain. It happened that no one could find the City Physician, and another physician who was found, was loth to take the case because in the past the City Council had refused to pay for such service.

It is a cause for indignation in every humane mind that the city should be in this lamentable condition of helplessness in case of injuries to its inhabitants. We doubt if any other city of the country of this size and importance is thus helpless in case of need; certainly none ought to be.

The establishment of an emergency station for the extending of at least "first aid to the injured," is one of the imperative and urgent needs of the city, and public opinion ought to insist upon its being established without delay.

THE CANAL TO BE PUSHED.

The order of the day seems to be, judging from today's dispatches, to push matters in regard to the Panama canal. Attorney-General Knox is completely satisfied as to the title and the authority to transfer it.

This will be welcome news to the people of this country. The delays in getting on with this great enterprise have been wearying, but of course the people were willing to wait until a perfect title could be secured.

This being now clear, the money can be paid over as soon as the actual transfer can be arranged. It is now merely a question of handing over the papers, for doubtless they have already been made out. They will have to be examined as to their form and sufficiency, and then the payments can be made, as soon as all is right.

The French company will then get its forty millions, and Panama will get its ten millions. And then the country can get to spending other forty millions and other ten millions in constructing the canal. It will make busy times, and as American men, American contractors, and American machinery will be called on to do all the work required, times ought to be good and money plenty in the industrial parts of the country.

British Ministries are very adroit in taking advantage of circumstances and scares to wring from Parliament appropriations for new war ships. The present Ministry is no laggard in this, and under cover of a peril that is in the same breath strenuously denied, gets through a big budget for the navy. Inasmuch as the British navy now has a tonnage of 1,967,250 tons, compared with France's 755,757 tons and Russia's 558,432 tons, her nearest rivals, but her stress certainly is not great. These figures do not indicate that the British navy has anything to fear from even a union of two European nations against it.

INSPIRATION OF THE JAPANESE.

From the New York World.
"To die for his Majesty the Emperor." So will reply the young men of Japan when asked as to their highest ambition. The wish for martyrdom is sincere. In dying for his Emperor the Japanese discerns the greatest privilege that may be in store for him.

Whatever the basis of his faith and yearning, the Jap is a brave fighter, with no impulse to shrink from the perils of battle, and the clash of arms is not to him a sound of terror. Displays of desperate valor have thus early been frequent on the Japanese side. At the bridge of Sungari, which had been sought to destroy, the Japanese captured were hanged. They were educated officers in civilian guise, members of the general staff, who had almost courted the fate that overtook them.

A RESPITE.

From the New York Sun.
What shall we do with our men? Wipe 'em out, kill 'em off, abolish 'em, says a stern Kansan prophetess. Human hearts will hope that milder measures will be sufficient. In fact, there is a gleam of hope. At a meeting of the Housekeepers' Alliance last week, the good news was published that "men are supplementing girls along the lines of domestic service." So the "servant problem" is solved; and men folks have a respite and may even be useful.

SPICE.

"Miss Biggs is interested in you, pa." "How so?" "Why today, after she told me seven times to sit down and behave myself, she said she wondered what sort of a father I had."—Chicago Journal.

Judge—You were present when the assassin took place? Witness—Yes, your Honor. Judge—And did you take cognizance of the bartender of the place? Witness—I don't know what they called it, but I took what the red did.—Yonkers Herald.

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